

September 25, 2007

Dear Menominee Tribal Members:

We at Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center are facing difficult financial decisions as it pertains to the operation of the Domestic Violence Center. As most of you know, the biggest portion of our operating funds for the Shelter come from federal grants. We rely on these grants to keep the Shelter open.

While we will still have some small DV grants, if these are the only funds that we have to operate on, the services will be very limited and we will need to evaluate exactly what they will be. The only thing we can tell you now, is that without the Rural Shelter grant, there will be no shelter or other services funded under that grant. We have approached the Legislature for funds in case our grant application is denied, however, we were unsuccessful in obtaining funding as the Tribe overall is facing shortfalls in funding as well.

I am sending you this letter in advance, to inform you that as of **September 28, 2007 the Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center Domestic Violence Shelter will close.** Please be prepared. To help you prepare, we are providing you with some other alternatives for services. Those services are:

Stockbridge-Munsee Shelter:	715-793-4863
Golden House/Green Bay	920-435-0100
Safe Haven/Shawano	715-524-6759
Menominee County Social Services	715-799-3861
Lac Du Flambeau	715-588-7600 1-800-236-7660-Crisis Line

We will do our best to keep you all informed. Should funding become available we will re-open the Shelter as of now the Shelter will close on the date indicated above.

Sincerely,

Betty Jo Wozniak  
Director, Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center